stage. Pyrazinamide, Trimethoprim and Iodochlorohydroxy Quinoline are being produced from basic as well as intermediate stages. Since the number of companies involved are large, time and labour involved in collection and compilation of information regarding stage of manufacture by each, names of imported intermediates used by each, cost production of each etc. will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(d) and (e) Prices fixed for the drugs in question are:—

Pyrazinamide	—Rs. 1222 per kg.	
Trimethoprim	Rs. 996 per kg.	
Iodochlorohydroxy Quinoline	1. East India	— Rs. 269
	2. Atul	— Rs. 296
	3. Albert David	—Rs. 307
Vitamin A Palmitate (1.7 miu/gm)	—	Rs. 1293/1000 miu
Betamethasone	— (Alcohol)	Rs. 144.19/gm
	(Valerate)	Rs. 136.58/gm
	Disodium	Rs. 144.58/gm

Prices are fixed for the bulk drug as such and not stage-wise.

Prices of Flucort Range Formulations

2057. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) when his Ministry reduced the prices of Flucort range of formulation and what is the percentage reduction pack-wise and strength-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that according to Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 the formulator has to implement the prices within 15 days of the receipt of order;

(c) if so, what action has been taken under provision 26 of DPCO, 1987 against the company for contravention of provision 16(3);

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government also fixed the prices for these finished medicines under DPCO, 1979 which the company did not implement up-till today; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken under Essential Commodities Act against the company and what steps were taken to safeguard the interests of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The requisite information has already been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 713 answered on 19th March, 1990.

(b) Yes, sir

(c) The company has been recently asked telegraphically to implement the prices and send the necessary implementation report failing which penal action as provided under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 will be initiated against them.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. In June, 1984 the prices of Flucort range of formulations were fixed by the Government under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 which the company did not implement. In order to calculate the amount of unintended benefit, the company was asked to furnish the necessary details which were not received despite reminder. On 18.4.1990, the company has been served with a *Show-cause Notice* for initiating penal proceeding against them for not furnishing the requisite information to the Government. The company has since furnished certain details to the Government. However, further action in the matter will be initiated after receiving the complete details from the company.

Solar Pond Projects for power generation

2058. SHRI SURENDER SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken "Solar Pond Projects" for